

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: H. Dan Stalbaum, Gerrit H. DeVries, Rein O. Bontreger, Stephen R. Jordan, Ronald Sipkema, John Price and Andrew Andree. Also present was the Jasper County Auditor, Kimberly K. Grow and Deputy Auditor, Donya Jordan. Mr. Bontreger called the meeting to order and Mr. Jordan led those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Price made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/IDENTIFICATION SECURITY PROTECTION

FUND/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/SERVICE CONTRACTS: The Jasper County Recorder requested by letter \$16,695.00 to be appropriated in this fund to pay for her service contract with Fidlar who is the software vendor for the recorder's office. The covered time period for this contract is November, 2014 to November, 2015. This money is collected through recording fees. Councilman Stalbaum made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-07A** as requested. Mr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-PROJECT

INCOME/CAPITAL OUTLAYS/SECURITY SYSTEM EQUIPMENT: The Jasper County Community Corrections Director Bill Wakeland was present to request \$46,000.00 to be appropriated in this fund to update the security at the Community Corrections Facility. This money is collected through fees from the residents. There is a need to update the existing security system because the company can't get parts to repair the control board that opens and shuts the doors. The Jasper County Community Corrections Board is also requesting to purchase a card swipe system for the employees, seven additional cameras to comply with government regulations, two new DVR's with an external hard drive to provide more memory to the DVR's and replacing the intercom system. Mr. Price made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-07B** as requested. Mr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/CAGIT-JAIL-SPECIAL LEGISLATION/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/ JAIL REPAIRS; MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AND UTILITIES:

Sheriff Risner requested additional appropriations for three different lines. He requested \$25,000.00 for jail repairs. These repairs are above and beyond what EMCOR Corporation and Havel Group are doing to upgrade the heating and cooling system at the facility. While in the process of this upgrade the sheriff had the Havel Group inspect the hot water system. It was found there were parts either missing or broken since day one of construction. They also found the emergency shut off valves in the cell block were not working and had to be repaired. Sheriff Risner then addressed his request for the additional amount of \$30,000.00 for medical and hospital. The county is contracted with Advance Correctional Healthcare which costs \$93,000.00 a year. The contract consists of a nurse on site five days a week, a physician to visit one day a week, pharmaceutical, x-rays and dental coverage. The contract doesn't cover when an inmate has to be treated outside of the facility up to \$20,000.00 per incident. Sheriff Risner hopes the additional amount of \$30,000.00 will be enough to last through the end of the year. The last additional request was for \$190,214.00 for utilities. This additional is to reimburse the money used to pay for the utilities last year in the Drug Enforcement Administration Fund. The utilities aren't an allowable expense. The federal government considers this money grant money and not drug money even though it was seized from a drug arrest in Jasper County. Councilman Price made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-07C** in the total amount of \$245,214.00 as requested. Councilman Andree seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS:

STATEWIDE 911 FUND: Sheriff Risner requested a transfer from the Other Services and Charges (Data Information/Operating Expense-1222-005-430-436-0-0373) Category to Personal Services (Overtime-1222-005-410-0-0773) in the amount of \$6,500.00. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve this transfer with Mr. Price seconding this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CEDIT FUND: This transfer request was made by Auditor Grow. The bank where the Jasper County Recorder stores her microfilm will no longer provide this service so the transfer request will be used to purchase a safe for this storage. Councilman DeVries made the motion to approve the transfer of \$3,000.00 from Other Services and Charges (Other Supplies/Services and Charges-1112-662-430-438-0-0772) to Capital Outlays (Furniture and Equipment-1112-662-440-445-0-0492). Mr. Stalbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND: Auditor Grow requested a transfer of \$8,100.00 from Commissioners-Other Services and Charges (Care of Inmates-1000-068-430-439-0-0203) to Commissioners-Personal Services (Workers Compensation-1000-068-410-415-0-1136). There wasn't enough money appropriated at budget time to cover the insurance premium invoiced this year. Mr. Price made the motion to approve this transfer with Mr. Sipkema seconding. Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY GENERAL FUND: The Jasper County Weed Board Director Tom Korniak requested a transfer in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Supplies (Chemicals-1000-337-420-422-0-0224) to Personal Services (Weed Board Part Time Help-1000-337-410-411-0-1121). Councilman Sipkema made a motion to approve this transfer request. Mr. DeVries seconded this motion and motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ABATEMENTS

Advance Stores Company: Shawn Mathews and James Burgess from Maximus Inc. and Kevin Callahan, HR Manager and Shane Powell, General Manager of Advance Stores Company were present to represent this company. At this time there are four hundred fifty full time and twenty four part time employees. The average wage is \$13.15 per hour plus benefits. The benefits consist of health insurance, dental insurance, 401(k), paid vacation, paid sick days, funeral leave and an employee stock purchase. Councilman Price made the motion to approve the continuation of the real estate and personal property abatement for the 2014 pay 2015 tax year. Mr. Stalbaum seconded with the board approving unanimously.

Iroquois Bio-Energy Company, LLC: Roger Boer was the representative present for IBEC's review. Presently, they are working on a new maintenance building and adding an additional ethanol storage tank. They currently have thirty seven full time employees. The 14 pay 15 tax year is the last year for the abatement on their personal property. There are three years left on one of their real estate abatements and are in year five for their second abatement. Mr. Sipkema made the motion to approve the continuation of the abatements for IBEC for the 14 pay 15 tax year. Mr. Price seconded this motion. Motion was approved by the board.

Monsanto: John Sturgis was present to discuss the Monsanto abatement. He stated this is one of the best years they have had. They have exceeded the number of employees they originally promised on their statement of benefits when they requested their abatements. The 14 pay 15 tax year will be the sixth year for one of the real estate abatement and year one for the other real estate abatement. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the continuation of the abatement with Mr. Price seconding this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Remington Seeds: The representative present for Remington Seed was Attorney Don Shelmon. The expansion was completed and in operation in February of 2014. At this time there are thirty six employees. Remington Seeds has been in business in Jasper County for thirty years. Councilman Sipkema made the motion to approve the continuation of this abatement. Mr. Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Terborg Distributing: Brian Jonkman representative for Terborg Distributing stated they have fourteen full time employees and six part time employees. Payroll is up by twelve percent. Mr. Stalbaum made the motion to approve the continuation of the abatement for 14 pay 15 tax year with Mr. Price seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

Wilson Industrial Sales: Shannon Shanley represented Wilson Industrial Sales at this meeting. She stated this is the second year of their ten year abatement. They have just recently hired two new employees and plan on hiring two more drivers and one more salesman by the end of 2014 which will bring their total number of employees to one more than promised on their statement of benefits. Councilman DeVries made the motion to approve the continuation of the real estate abatement and Mr. Andree seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WABASH VALLEY ALLIANCE INC: Rick Crawley was present to update the council on the Wabash Valley Alliance concerning the mental health issues in Jasper County. The Rensselaer Facility has approximately thirty five employees and serves Jasper and Newton Counties. In the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 their gross billing was \$1,615,977.59 with their cash receipts in the amount of \$843,698.07. Jasper County through state statute funded \$257,346.50 for 2014. They serviced 672 Jasper County residents (338 males and 334 female). They treated 265 patients that are the age of 18 and under. Some statistics show approximately eighty percent of mental health issues are from substance abuse. Referrals are walk ins, physicians, sheriff, courts, child services and schools. The cause of the shortfall is created because people either have no insurance or no mental health coverage. There is a sliding pay scale.

MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE AT JASPER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER: Sheriff Risner stated he will be back in the future to discuss with the council concerning a contract with either Wabash Valley Alliance or Advance Correctional Healthcare to cover mental healthcare in house at the jail. The coverage will cost up to \$15,000.00 a year for four hours a week.

ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE 129 WEST HARRISON STREET, RENSSELAER, INDIANA: Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve **Jasper County Ordinance 07-22-14A** to purchase the real estate located at 129 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer, Indiana. The purchase amount is \$42,500.00. Mr. Sipkema seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

BZA APPOINTMENT: Eric Maple is no longer interested in serving on the BZA Board. The council will be looking to find someone to replace him on this board. Mr. Price made a motion to table the appointment until next month with Mr. Stalbaum seconding this motion. Motion carried.

JASPER COUNTY POLICE RETIREMENT FUND AMENDMENT: Sheriff Risner presented the Jasper County Police Retirement Fund Amendment for the council president's signature. This amendment needs to be approved by the merit board, sheriff and council. There is no financial obligation to the county.

JAIL HEATING AND COOLING UPDATE: Sheriff Risner stated EMCOR Corporation and Havel Group are almost finished with the last phase of the update on the heating and cooling system at the jail. He has asked Havel Group for a maintenance agreement since nothing is in place at this time.

DISPOSAL OF OLD SQUAD CARS: The sheriff's department has several old squad cars that need to be disposed of. They have a 2009 Ford Crown Vic that the Jasper County Airport Authority is interested in purchasing as a courtesy car. The attorney is researching how this can be done at this time. The sheriff will approach the commissioners to have a county auction ASAP since mice have a tendency to take over vehicles when not in use.

LEGACY TIF: Mr. Bontreger sign a letter stating there is no excess assessed value in the Legacy Farms LLC TIF District for the 14 pay 15 tax year.

JASPER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY: Jasper County Airport Manager Brad Cozza stated even though the South Shore Air Show was canceled he thought the networking between all involved was terrific. Planning for this event has helped everyone involved to be better prepared for anything that comes their way. He feels this planning helped him to be prepared for the Jasper County Airport Annual Fly that they host every year which was a success. He also stated the Federal Aviation Administration inspected the approach services at several airports. They instructed the Jasper County Airport to remove eight trees (six at the fairgrounds and two at the airport). The City of Rensselaer and Jasper County R.E.M.C. had to move several poles and helped install seven obstruction lights. All work the FAA mandated has been done. Council President Bontreger told Brad that he is doing a great job and is showing the value of his position.

TERBORG DISTRIBUTING ABATEMENT ERROR FOR 2013 PAY 2014: At last month's meeting a concerned citizen questioned the abatement figure Terborg Distributing was receiving on their 2013 pay 2014 tax bill. The abatement amount has been corrected and a new bill has been mailed to the taxpayer. NEXUS was unaware the abatement was only on a portion of the building and not the whole building since all of the improvements were new construction.

NEW ABATEMENT PACKAGE: Mr. Price asked Attorney Monfort how the new abatement package is progressing. Kevin Kelly will be contacted about this.

2015 BUDGET BOOKS: The budget books for 2015 were passed out to each council member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mr. DeVries made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Andree seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Rein O. Bontreger, President

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County